

Students

Student and Staff Safety

The Pomfret Board of Education is committed to student and staff safety as a priority.

Students are subject to discipline up to and including suspension and or recommendation for expulsion for misconduct if such misconduct occurs on school property or at any school sponsored activity.

If a student threatens or causes physical injury to another student or staff member, the following steps will be taken:

1. The administration will conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if the threat is real.
2. Parents or legal guardians will be notified as soon as possible.
3. If a threat is made to use a weapon, the administration will conduct a thorough investigation. Based upon the facts of the investigation the administration may call the police to assist as necessary.
4. A weapon can be a dangerous instrument including but not limited to a firearm, a club, a knife or a switch blade, metal knuckles, martial arts weapons or a bomb.
5. Upon suspension the administration will meet with parents and all efforts will be made to provide an appropriate educational program for the student.

The classroom teacher will be responsible for providing daily work to the student.

Disciplinary action to include detention or suspension is left up to the administration. The length of time shall be consistent with State Law. The recommendation for expulsion will be brought to the Board.

A student, who is deemed to be a threat to the health and safety of others, will be isolated during detention or in-school suspension. The classroom teacher is responsible for providing daily work to the student.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
 P.A. 98-252 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Education Statutes

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Relations with Non-custodial Parents

The Board of Education, unless informed otherwise, assumes that there are no restrictions regarding the non-custodial parent's right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to these rights, the custodial parent will be required to submit a certified copy of the court order, to the superintendent, which curtails these specific rights.

Unless there are specific court-imposed restrictions, such as a final divorce decree which includes specific denial of visitation rights or a restraining order denying such rights, the non-custodial parent, upon written request may view the student's educational, medical or similar records maintained in such student's cumulative record, receive school progress reports, visit the child briefly at school and have an opportunity to conference with the student's teacher(s).

The Board of Education presumes that the person who enrolls a student in school is the student's custodial parent. Further, the parent with whom the student resides is known as the custodial parent unless a legal document or signed parental agreement indicates otherwise. Verification may be required from the custodial parent.

While both parents can visit the student at school, only the custodial parent has the right to remove the student from school property. Only a verified note from the custodial parent will be cause for exception to this provision. If school personnel anticipate a possible student abduction, law enforcement personnel are to be notified immediately.

The custodial parent has the responsibility to keep the school office informed as to the address of residence, in a manner determined by the school, and how he/she may be contacted at all times. Any legal documents which restrict the rights of the non-custodial parent must be provided by the custodial parent.

(cf. 5118 - Nonresident Students)

(cf. 5124 - Reporting to Parents)

(cf. 5125/5125.1 - Student Records/Confidentiality)

(cf. 5142.2 - Student Dismissal Precautions)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-15b Access of parent or guardian to student's records
 46b-56 Access of records of minor children by non-custodial parent
 Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
 Department of Education 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45FR 30802) regs.
 implementing
 FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Education Provisions Act (20
 U.S.C. 1232g) - parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to
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Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions

The school district is legally responsible for the safety of its students during the school day. Therefore, each building Principal will establish procedures to validate requests for early dismissal, to assure that students are released only for proper reasons, and only to authorized person(s).

Staff members shall not excuse any student from school prior to the end of the school day, or into any person's custody without the direct prior approval and knowledge of the building Principal, or his or her designee.

In keeping with these precautions, the following procedures will be adhered to:

- The building Principal or designee shall not excuse a student before the end of the school day without a request for early dismissal by the student's parent or guardian.
- Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student shall be honored only if the caller can be positively identified as the student's parent or guardian.
- Children of single-parent families will be released only upon the request to the custodial parent; i.e., the parent whom the court holds directly responsible for the child, and who is identified as such on the school record.

Additional precautions may be taken by the school administration, appropriate to the age of students, and as needs arise. Parents shall provide documentation concerning parental rights, including divorce decrees and restraining orders if any.